

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Non-elected Claims 10-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 7-8 have been amended to recite that the claimed means are “configured to” perform the various claimed functions. It is applicants’ understanding from a brief discussion on January 29, 2007 that this overcomes the outstanding rejection of these claims.

Additionally, Claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 have also been amended to recite a controller “configured to control” as suggested by the examiner during a telephone discussion on January 17, 2007.

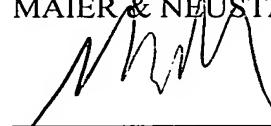
Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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